

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4 are pending.

Claims 1 – 4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to set forth a definition for "B". Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Atom "B" of the chemical structure recited in Claim 1 is the atom boron, not a variable that requires any further definition.

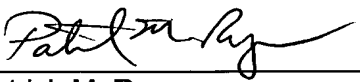
The Examiner objects to Claim 4 because it lacks sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "and other disorders requiring the wetting of the eye." In response, Applicant has amended Claim 4 to delete the phrase "and other disorders requiring the wetting of the eye."

Applicant believes that the above amendments and remarks have placed Claims 1 – 4 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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